

## December Edition: Christmas Hope



### **The Great Christ Comet: Revealing the True Star of Bethlehem**

Christmas is a time to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. It is powerful to think that God cared and loved us so much that He sent His Son so that we may live. 1 John 4: 9 said, "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him."

It is fascinating to think of how the world changed forever over 2000 years ago when the Messiah came to us. He came to us as a baby for the purpose of our redemption; His love for us is so great. His love for us is so real. And every detail in the Bible is historical and scientific fact -including the Star of Bethlehem.

Dr. Colin Nicholl spent four years studying with top astronomers from around the world to explore the fascinating premise that the Star of Bethlehem was actually a comet. He is a Cambridge Ph.D., New Testament scholar, and author of *The Great Christ Comet: Revealing the True Star of Bethlehem*. In his book and in the below videos, Dr. Nicholls addresses questions: *What was the Star of Bethlehem? How did it prompt the Magi to set out on a long journey to Judea? How did it lead them to Jesus?*



Dr. Nicholl and Stacie

Dr. Nicholl, the leading expert on the Star of Bethlehem, recently arrived from Northern Ireland and spoke throughout the country. He visited Summit EFC Church Alta, Iowa where he gave a message called *The Great Christ Comet: Revealing the True Star of Bethlehem*. Our wonderful pastor and friend, Rev. Doug Corlew, interviewed Dr. Nicholl about this enlightening topic. Below we are excited to share videos of Dr. Nicholl's interview and message.

We hope you all have a blessed, meaningful Christmas. May the hope, love, and comfort we have in Jesus be near to you this holy season.

In God we still trust,

Carrie and Stacie Stoelting

Co-Founders of UnitetheUSA.org

## An Interview and Message by Dr. Collin Nicholl

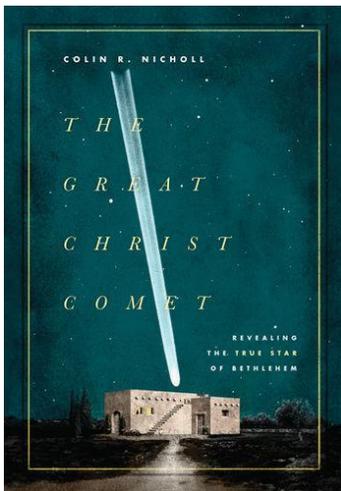


Sunday, December 9, 2018  
Interview with Dr. Colin Nicholl  
by Rev. Doug Corlew



Sunday, December 9, 2018-Star of Wonder  
(Matthew 2:1-12); Message by Dr. Colin  
Nicholl

## Enter to Win Dr. Collin R. Nicholl's Book



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Enter now to win a copy of *The Great Christ Comet: Revealing the True Star of Bethlehem* by Dr. Colin R. Nicholl. Last day to enter is January 5, 2019. A winner will be selected at random on January 5 and notified via e-mail. Entry form must be completed in its entirety. [Click here](#) to enter now!

## In Memory

This edition of Unite the USA is in memory of two veterans and dear friends who passed away over the weekend: **Frank Brhely** and **Al Kleihauer**.

Frank was a WWII veteran and was the beloved grandpa to Stacie's husband (Jim). Al served in the Korean War and he was our long-time neighbor and life-long friend. Both men loved the Lord, their families, and their country.

We know that Frank and Al are with Jesus this Christmas and that is a comfort. But they will be deeply missed. Please pray for their families.

We think of the comforting, assuring words of 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 which says, "'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

-Carrie and Stacie

## We're Sending Cards to Veterans

Operation Military Christmas Stacie and Carrie are sending handwritten cards to every veteran whose address is shared with them. Give Stacie and Carrie the opportunity to send a thank you card to a veteran in your family or, if you're a veteran, let them send you one. It's easy. Fill out a quick form [here](#) so Stacie and Carrie can send a handwritten thank-you card. They would be honored to have the opportunity. (Yes, it's that simple.)



## This Month's Bible Verse



"In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him." **1 John 4: 9**

## Featured Quote



*"At Christmas, we celebrate the promise of salvation that God gave to mankind almost 2,000 years ago. The birth of Christ changed the course of history, and His life [can change] the soul of man."*

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**George H. W. Bush**

## This Month's Historical Video



**Billy Graham - Christmas Message 1953**

This month's historical video features a special Christmas message from Rev. Billy Graham. It is a fantastic one which he delivered in 1953.

## Christmas at the White House

### Barbara Bush's "Famous" Chocolate Chip Cookies

#### Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups quick-cooking oats (not instant)
- 1 (12 ounces) bag semisweet chocolate chips, preferably Valrhona



#### Directions:

- Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Sift together flour, baking soda, and salt onto waxed paper. Set aside.
- Beat together butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar, eggs, and vanilla in a large bowl until fluffy. Stir in flour mixture until well blended. Stir in oats and chocolate chips.
- Drop batter by rounded tablespoonfuls, 2 inches apart, onto ungreased cookie sheets.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes, or until lightly browned. Transfer cookies to wire rack to cool.

## Lady Bird Johnson's Lemon Squares

### Ingredients and Directions:

- 2 Cups Flour
- 1/4 Cup Sugar
- 1 Cup Butter

Mix first 3 ingredients as for Pie Crust. Pat into an 9 x 18 Jelly Roll Pan. Bake at 350 until very light brown -- about 15 minutes.

- 2 Cups Sugar
- 1 Tsp. Baking Powder
- 4 Tbsp. Flour
- 3 Beaten Eggs
- Juice and Rind of 2 Lemons

Mix ingredients in order given and pour over baked crust. Bake at 350 for 15-20 minutes or until set. Sprinkle with powdered sugar



## Bess Truman's Punch

### Ingredients and Directions

- 4 quarts grape juice
- 3 quarts ginger ale
- 1 quart lemon juice
- 3 gallons water
- Sugar to taste

Keep cool by using a 2 quart brick of Lemon Ice in the punch bowl.  
Yield: 5 gallons



### Mamie Eisenhower's Deep Dish Apple Pie

- 6 tart apples
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- Grated rind of 1 lemon
- Grated rind of 1 orange
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- ½ pastry recipe (below)

Pare and core apples; cut into eights. Place in deep, greased baking dish. Combine sugar, brown sugar, nutmeg, lemon rind and orange rind. Sprinkle over apples. Dot with butter or margarine. Top with thin sheet of pastry, pricked in a design. Bake in hot oven. (425) Serves six.

Pastry:

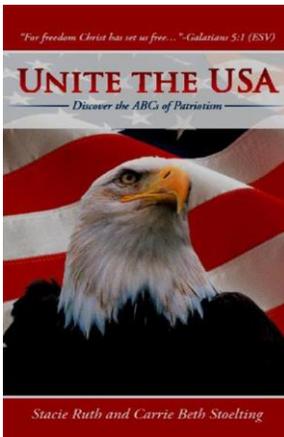
- 2 cups flour
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup shortening
- cold water

Sift flour; measure. Mix and sift flour and salt. Cut in shortening with 2 knives or pastry blender until flour shortening particles are about the size of small peas. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon cold water over mixture and mix in lightly with a fork. Continue adding water in this fashion until pastry gathers around fork in a soft ball. Divide pastry in half and roll each half separately on lightly floured board to 1/8" thickness. Handle rolling pin very lightly. Makes enough for two crust 9" pie.

Note: Make ½ this recipe for deep dish or one crust pies.



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*Unite the USA: Discover the ABCs of Patriotism* is a new book by **Stacie Ruth and Carrie Beth Stoelting**. It's a book that empowers patriots to make a big difference in the land we love. With 100+ ways to make a positive difference in America, *Unite the USA* is a must-have tool for patriots. *Unite the USA* will inspire and educate Americans to defend faith and freedom. (Important Note: All proceeds go to fund the mission of [UnitetheUSA.org](http://UnitetheUSA.org).) Order it here today!

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an inspiring album dedicated to God and veterans  
by Stacie and Carrie Stoelting



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**In God We Still Trust Video**

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